



LIEUTENANT COLONEL DAVID L. O'NAN

Deputy for Air Force White Sands Missile Range

Lt Col David L. O'Nan is Commander of Detachment 1, 46th Test Group, White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico. As commander, he leads a team of military, civilian, and contractor personnel responsible for all Air Force testing and training on the missile range. As the senior Air Force officer on the tri-service White Sands Missile Range (WSMR), he also serves as deputy to the WSMR commanding general for Air Force operations. His unit sponsors all Air Force programs and numerous other agency programs testing on the range, and schedules all Air Force test and training missions, including training sorties for the 49th Fighter Wing and German Air Force flight training school located at nearby Holloman AFB.

Lt Col O'Nan was born in Greenwood, South Carolina and graduate from Lower Richland High School in Hopkins, South Carolina in 1982. He earned his commission as a graduate of Clemson University's Air Force ROTC program in 1986. He has served as an acquisition program manager on the F-16, CV-22, AC-130U, MC-130E, MC-130P, C-141B SOLL II, UH-1N, HH-3E, MH-53J/M, and HH-60G programs. After his initial acquisition tour, he was assigned to the USAF Air Warfare Center, Eglin AFB, Florida as operational test director for electronic warfare systems. During his time at Eglin, he also served as commander's Quality Advisor and in the Commander's Action Group. In 1995, he was assigned to Clemson University as Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies and Commandant of Cadets.

Lt Col O'Nan became branch chief for the MC-130E/P and C-141B SOLL II programs in 1998, and was assigned as HH-60G program manager in 1999. After two years in that assignment, he served as Helicopter Integrated Product Team lead for the UH-1N, HH-3E, and HH-60G helicopters, and then as division chief for all USAF helicopters. Prior to assuming his current duties, Lt Col O'Nan served as deputy chief for the Plans and Resources Division, 46th Test Group at Holloman AFB.

EDUCATION

- 1986 Bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering, Clemson University, SC
- 1992 Squadron Officer School (correspondence)
- 1993 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama (Chief of Staff award)
- 1995 Masters of business administration degree, University of West Florida
- 1998 Air Command and Staff College (correspondence)

ASSIGNMENTS

1. October 1986 – April 1987, F-16 Avionics Systems Program Manager, F-16 System Program Office, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
2. April 1987 – October 1988, F-16 Derivative Systems Program Manager, F-16 System Program Office, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
3. October 1988 – August 1989, Chief of CV-22 Avionics and Mission Equipment, Special Operations Forces System Program Office, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
4. August 1989 – August 1991, AC-130U Acquisition Project Officer, Special Operations Forces System Program Office, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
5. August 1991 – January 1993, Test Project Manager, F-16 Program Division, DCS Electronic Combat, USAF Air Warfare Center, Eglin AFB, Florida
6. January 1993 – January 1994, USAFAWC Quality Advisor, USAF Air Warfare Center, Eglin AFB, Florida
7. January 1994 – January 1995, Electronic Combat Program Manager, 68th Test Support Squadron, USAF Air Warfare Center, Eglin AFB, Florida
8. January 1995 – April 1995, Chief of Commander's Action Group Presentations, USAF Air Warfare Center, Eglin AFB, Florida
9. April 1995 – July 1998, Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies, AFROTC Detachment 770, Clemson University, South Carolina

10. July 1998 – April 1999, Branch Chief, MC-130E/P and C-141B SOLL II, Special Operations Forces System Program Office, Robins AFB, Georgia
11. April 1999 – May 2001, H-60 Program Manager, Special Operations Forces System Program Office, Robins AFB, Georgia
12. May 2001 – July 2002, H-1/H-3/H-60 Integrated Product Team Lead, then Helicopter Division Chief, Special Operations Forces System Program Office, Robins AFB, Georgia
13. July 2002 – April 2003, Deputy Chief, Plans and Resources Division, 46th Test Group, Holloman AFB, New Mexico
14. April 2003 – present, Commander, Detachment 1, 46th Test Group, White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster
Air Force Achievement Medal
National Defense Service Medal with one service star

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	June 9, 1986
First Lieutenant	July 20, 1988
Captain	July 20, 1990
Major	April 1, 1998
Lieutenant Colonel	April 1, 2003